

Appeal application form

Independent Schools/Non-maintained Special Schools

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Use this form to appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (Care Standards) against a decision of the *Secretary of State - Department of Education, Independent Education and Boarding Team/Welsh Ministers* in respect of a decision in relation to an Independent Schools and non-maintained Special Schools.

Please complete this form in CAPITAL LETTERS or type and either return it by post, email or fax, details at the end of this form.

A – Applicant's details (please provide a UK address)

Title ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other (please specify) Surname First name(s) Address

Postcode Telephone number Mobile number Email address

B – Your representative's details (If appointed, please give details of your representative)

Name Profession Address

Postcode Telephone number Mobile number Fax number Email address

Important: We can only send papers and documents to one of the people named on this form. If you do not tell us otherwise we will automatically send the papers to you.

Who should receive information about the appeal?

☐ You ☐ Your representative

C – What is your regulated activity that Secretary of State - Department of Education, Independent Education and Boarding Team/Welsh Ministers have made the decision about:

Is your appeal in relation to: (tick as appropriate)

- ☐ A refusal to approve a material change
- ☐ A determination/decision to remove the school from the Register
- ☐ An order requiring the school to take specified action
- ☐ A refusal to revoke or vary an above order
- ☐ Decision to give a direction
- ☐ Decision not to vary or revoke a direction
- ☐ A decision of a Justice of the Peace to make an order that a non-maintained special school in England should cease to be approved

Date decision received

*If you are appealing against an urgent decision issued by the Secretary of State/Justice of the Peace, you must send a copy of your appeal to Secretary of State - Department for Education at the same time you send it to the Tribunal.

*Urgent appeals are dealt with on an emergency basis and require you to act quickly.

Have you attached a copy of the decision under appeal?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please give reasons why not

D – Type of hearing

If you do not want an oral hearing and the Tribunal agrees, your appeal will be determined on the written evidence that you and the other party submit.

Do you want your case to be considered by a panel on the papers and neither party attends?

☐ Yes ☐ No

E – Interpreter

Do you or your witnesses require an **interpreter** at either the Telephone Case Management Hearing or the final hearing?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please state which language.

F – Is the appeal in time - see time limits at section I.

☐ Yes - **Continue to section G**

☐ No - Read below

If you know your appeal is late, or you are not sure if it will be received in time, you must apply for an extension of time. Explain why your appeal is late in the box below.

If you are unsure about the time limit, refer to the guidance 'Appealing to the First-tier Tribunal (Care Standards) – a guide to the appeals procedures' (available from Care Standards website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/care-standards) or contact the Care Standards Office for advice (details at the end of the form).

Attach any evidence/additional sheets if necessary.

G – The result the applicant is seeking

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

H – Reasons for appeal

Give full reasons why you think the decision of the **Respondent** is wrong.
Please also say what result you are seeking from your appeal.

Please note: You **MUST** include with this appeal application a copy of any written record of the Notice of Decision against which you are appealing and statement of reasons obtained from the Respondent.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

I – Other information and your signature

Telephone Case Management Hearing (TCMH) and main hearing

1. The case will be listed for a preliminary directions hearing by way of a Telephone Conference Call with you, and/or your representative, the Respondent and a Judge. We will send you a guide to the TCMH when your appeal has been registered.
2. In the call, you will be asked about the witnesses you want to call and about the length of time the hearing may take.
3. Prior to the call, the Respondent will write to you or call you to discuss draft directions and the issues which will be discussed at the TCMH.
4. If you want the Tribunal to issue a summons requiring any witness to attend the hearing because they have refused to attend, please raise the matter with the Judge at the TCMH.
5. The main hearing will be heard in public unless the Tribunal directs that it, or any part of it be heard in private. If you want your hearing or part of it to be heard in private, please raise the matter with the Judge at the TCMH and explain why.
6. The Tribunal can make an order prohibiting the disclosure or publication of any specified document or information relating to the appeal proceedings. If you want the Tribunal to make such an order, please raise the matter with the Judge at the TCMH and explain why.
7. An interpreter can be arranged for the TCMH and the final Hearing, please complete Section G if one is needed.

Your signature:

Date:

This form can be signed by the person bringing the appeal or by their Legal Representative.
(A typed signature is acceptable)

When you have completed this form, send it **with a copy of the decision letter** sent to you, giving you the right to appeal **and any other relevant documentation**.

Oral/Paper Hearing

If you and the Respondent do not want an oral hearing and the Tribunal agrees, your appeal will be determined on the written evidence that you and the other party submit. Paper hearings are not suitable for cases which require the Tribunal to determine facts. They may be suitable for emergency hearings.

Sign and date this form

If you have completed all the sections relevant to your appeal you should now sign and date this form and return it immediately to Care Standards at the address given at the end of this document.

Time limits for appeal - please read carefully

Please note that you must complete and return this application within the following time limits for:

- Appeals against a decision to a Regulated Activity issued by the Secretary of State - Department of Education, Independent Education and Boarding Team/ Welsh Ministers is 28 Days from the date of the notice of decision which you wish to appeal. (We aim to deal with appeals in 30 weeks from registration date).
- Appeals against a decision to a Regulated Activity (urgent by the Secretary of State - Department of Education, Independent Education and Boarding Team/ Welsh Ministers is 10 working days from the date of the notice of decision. (We aim to deal with appeals in 5 working days from receipt of the authority's response for a paper hearing and 10 working days from receipt of the authority's response for an oral hearing).

Care Standards contact details

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For further information about appeals to the Tribunal, go to the Care Standards website: www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/courts-and-tribunals/tribunals/care-standards/index.htm